A True Account
OF THE LAST
PARLIAMENT,
Who were Declared
DISSOLVED
BY THE
PROCLAMATION
Which came forth on Wednesday, *Jan.* 19. $16\frac{80}{81}$.

THere are Two Qualifications requiſite in men exerciſed in Publick Affairs: The firſt is Courage and Magnanimity. The Second is Nobility of Spirit, deteſting Intereſt, as byaſſing from the general good. The firſt abandons Fear, which occaſioneth Remiſneſs in a man in the management of his Service; the other through Fallacy will incline him to betray it: With which Qualifications the Major part of our Parliament did appear to be eminently endowed; for nothing more diſworths a man like Cowardice, ſuch an one being (according to the Compariſon of *Plutarch*) as the Sword-Fiſh, that bears ſomething like a Weapon, but there wants an Heart. And indeed a puſillanimous man in Authority bears ſomething like Greatneſs; whereas uſe him, and you'l find him no more than the *Vappa* of Humanity, flat and dead. And Covetouſneſs is a Dunghill Miſchief, endeavouring to bring a Nation to ill Concluſion: But our laſt Noble Parliament were no *Penſioners*, but true *Gentlemen*, and ſhew that their Blood held the Tincture of a Generous Race, moving like the Splendid Sun in his Alacrity, and not lying ſtill like Lumps of Earth, or at leaſt-wiſe moving but Artificially; but I am perſwaded they have moved to the great damage and detriment of our wicked Enemies the *Papiſts*. And whereas Knowledge is the Treaſure of the Mind, none

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can ſay but that Noble Vertue hath by them heen exerciſed; yea, and that in ſuch a Meaſure as to penetrate the Depths of Helliſh Malice. They indeed have magnanimovſly refuſed to reſt quiet, their Enemies being in Arms againſt them: They having both Power and Reſolution, the one being Eſſential to their Employ, the other to the Exerciſe of it; otherwiſe they would be like a Child wearing a Sword but ignorant how to uſe it. But we have bloody and reſolved Enemies, and they have met with (thanks be to God) a Reſolute oppoſing Senate, Reſolution being needfull for Eſtabliſhing our preſent troubled State, if it ever comes to Eſtabliſhment: But Irreſolution looſens all the Joynts of State Ague-like, diſtempering and ſhaking the whole Body at once: For an eaſie man in times of imminent danger is but an uſeleſs thing, a miſchief to himſelf and others. Indifferency in Men of Authority in unſettledneſs of times, is the ready Road to Ruine: Remiſneſs and Connivance tending to the overthrow of unſettled Kingdoms. The ſure way for themſelves and us to putrifie, is to ſtand ſtill; which our faithful Parliament did not, but made appear in the eyes of the World that they ſtood not Neuters, little caring for the good of the Nation, but have ſtirred to purpoſe, and hereby we hope got ground, having made ſo many plain diſcoveries, not willing to leave themſelves and Families, or the Nation, a Prize to the Vitious Intentions of Bloody Papiſts but endeavoured to prune the ſeveral Branches of the Plot yea and to batter the Engines of Intended Cruelty.

But we hope that though now the good Houſe is pluckt down, that Divine Providence will raiſe up ſuch another magnificent Structure, to the Joy and Honour of our *Engliſh* Nation, and that will be a great Benediction to us.

Vivat Rex, & ſedeat Bonum Parliamentum.

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